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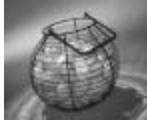
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In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady entering the week. Demand was light to moderate, instances good where features were a factor. Supplies were sufficient to ample. Breaking stock offerings were light to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to ample for the light to good demand.

## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest delivered prices were lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fair with feature activity creating the best interest and reported as moderate to good. Loose egg movement was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light to instances moderate with offerings light to adequate. Floor stocks balanced to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	33-42	36-39	LARGE	14-23	18
LARGE	32-41	34-37	MEDIUM	11-17	15
MEDIUM	29-38	31-34	SMALL	5-7	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for mostly normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	41-55	42-44
LARGE	35-49	40-44
MEDIUM	32-45	37-39

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to moderate and best into features. Food service movement was generally light to occasionally moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light to instances moderate with offerings light to adequate. Floor stocks balanced to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	42.5-51	44-47
LARGE	38.5-47	40-43
MEDIUM	32.5-41	34-37

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels was mostly light to moderate. Supplies ranged sufficient to ample for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were light to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent fowl supplies were fully sufficient to ample for a light to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	39.5-52.25	41-44
LARGE	38-48.25	39-42
MEDIUM	34.5-42.25	35-39

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices entering the week were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	49-53
LARGE	47-51
MEDIUM	44-48

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	40-48	41-43
LARGE	38-46	39-41
MEDIUM	35-43	36-38

**WESTERN** The market tone was weak with prices 4 cents lower on all sizes. The Pacific region inventory was down 8 percent, with California up 1 percent and Oregon/Washington/Utah down 21 percent. Retailer demand was fair. Offerings were easily adequate to cover immediate needs.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices were 4 cents lower on jumbo through small. Trade sentiments were steady. The California inventory was 1 percent higher than last Monday. Retailer demand was light. Offerings were ample. Small benchmark prices were 55.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	94
EXTRA LARGE	88
LARGE	78
MEDIUM	75

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-329	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	249-309	EXTRA LARGE	
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	NOT
MEDIUM	189	MEDIUM	AVAILABLE

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 12, 2006 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 05, 2006 were 313,838 cases which was 4 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	266,492	47,346	313,838

% change from the prior week.....	+4	+8	+4

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light to instances moderate with offerings light to adequate. Floor stocks balanced to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	22-24	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-17	11-13
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-MAY-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.83

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair for the least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was light to fair at best. The undertone was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-MAY-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-14 CENTS/LB.	11-12.5	11.75
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- MAY 08, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.0	15.5	9.3	12.4	12.6
	Change	-2.3	-3.1	-1.3	-2.5	-1.1
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.1	68.9	11.8	27.2	42.8
	Change	-0.8	-14.3	-2.0	-0.1	-1.0
Large	Curr Wk	31.4	182.3	89.7	122.0	111.8
	Change	-0.3	-32.1	-4.6	6.8	-21.8
Medium	Curr Wk	10.9	49.8	15.1	19.1	32.8
	Change	2.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6	3.3
Small	Curr Wk	3.5	6.9	0.2	3.7	6.6
	Change	0.2	0.8	-0.9	1.2	1.2
Misc	Curr Wk	3.4	31.2	8.8	10.3	5.5
	Change	0.1	2.1	-1.2	-0.1	1.0
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.5	65.8	30.3	43.2	17.9
	Change	0.6	3.4	2.6	10.2	-0.8
Total	Curr Wk	101.8	420.4	165.2	237.9	230.0
Percent	Change	0%	-9%	-5%	7%	-8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1155.3	-5%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	269.6	5%	35
Total Shell Egg	1424.9	-3%	202

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers. No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.17

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 5, 2006

CURRENT LOADS			27.25			FUTURE LOADS			8.00			TOTAL LOADS			35.25		
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	LOADS
GNR W 1	18.00	—	19.00	20.00	—	—	3.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	45.75	2.00	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	31.38	—	2.00	GL W XL	28.00	32.00	—	—	—	—	36.33	4.00	
GL W XL	—	30.67	30.00	31.40	23.62	—	7.50	GL W LG	27.00	29.00	—	—	—	—	36.25	4.00	
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	21.00	—	3.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	34.00	1.00	
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	22.00	—	1.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	61.00	64.00	.25		
GL W SM	—	—	22.50	24.50	—	—	2.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	60.00	63.00	.50		
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00										
NRBS - 48	17.00	20.00	—	—	—	—	9.00										

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/01/06-05/05/06

CURRENT LOADS			114.75			FUTURE LOADS			42.75			TOTAL LOADS			157.50		
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	LOADS
GNR W 1	21.00	—	20.00	22.00	—	—	10.00	GL W J	32.50	—	—	—	—	—	45.68	5.75	
GNR BR 1	—	32.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	28.83	33.00	—	—	—	—	36.50	9.00	
GL W J	—	—	35.50	37.50	31.06	—	6.50	GL W LG	25.00	29.00	—	—	—	—	35.80	6.50	
GL W XL	—	31.00	30.83	32.42	24.05	25.43	52.75	GL W MD	—	—	25.00	30.90	—	—	34.00	6.00	
GL W LG	—	35.36	32.00	—	22.11	24.41	21.50	GL W SM	19.25	—	—	—	21.50	24.67	3.00		
GL W MD	31.00	28.00	28.50	30.75	22.00	23.34	22.75	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	61.00	64.00	.25		
GL W SM	—	—	22.05	24.06	18.00	—	6.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	52.00	60.00	63.00	1.50		
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 45	20.50	—	—	34.25	—	—	9.00		
NRBS - 50	—	—	24.58	26.33	—	—	.75										
NRBS - 48	17.67	20.36	—	23.43	20.86	24.22	51.00										
NRBS - 45	—	—	22.25	23.53	19.61	21.50	17.50										
NRBS - 39	—	—	19.25	21.00	—	—	.25										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS.

THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER.

NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/01/06	04/24/06	05/02/05
PACIFIC COAST	80	85	194
LOS ANGELES	76	80	194

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are ample to burdensome. Retail demand is poor.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	60.86
LARGE	55.86
MEDIUM	52.86
SMALL	44.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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